

Funds included in Department of Energy Funding; Transportation Projects

(Washington, DC) Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) is proud to announce that Ohio's 17th Congressional District counties have been awarded \$49,813,000 in federal stimulus aid announced today. The funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by Congress earlier this year and will be used for energy efficiency programs as well as shovel-ready transportation projects. Ohio received \$84,183,300 from Department of Energy stimulus grants this year and \$774 million in transportation dollars.

"The funds that were announced today will immediately start putting people back to work and invest in the critical infrastructure necessary to move our economy forward," said Congressman Tim Ryan. "I'm very thankful for the leadership of Governor Strickland and President Obama. By working together to direct this money to our area, they continue to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that our communities are prepared to deal with our economic situation."

Seventeenth Congressional District Counties received \$44,124,000 for shovel-ready transportation projects including \$20,000,000 for the expansion of a rail line for V & M Star's steel mill in Youngstown. These funds will help V & M expand their current operations at the facility which will create jobs. ODOT will invest \$20 million for the relocation of rail lines near the current property. These rail improvements will open more than 100 acres of land development with excellent rail, road, and utility access.

Portage County will receive \$1,124,000 to replace the Bradley Lake Bridge

The City of Warren will receive \$1,000,000 for the resurfacing of Mahoning Avenue as well as better signage and lighting improvements.

The City of Akron will receive \$7,500,000 to replace the Y Bridge as well as \$8,000,000 to rehabilitate Main Street, \$500,000 to design and build the State Street Bridge, \$5,000,000 to refinish the pavement on Frank Boulevard and \$1,000,000 for Summit County to fix the slope on a portion of I-271.

“This funding will assist Ohio in its efforts to create jobs, attract new residents and rebuild our economy,” Rep. Sutton said. “Further, this funding enables us to create an energy efficient multi-modal transportation system of highways, railways, passenger rail, airports and other modes of public transportation. We want to put thousands of Ohioans back to work, and these projects help achieve that goal.”

The 17th Congressional District received \$5,689,100 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. The program was authorized in 2007 to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions as well as for improvements in energy efficiency.

The City of Akron will receive \$2,048,000 under the EECBG, The City of Warren will receive \$196,000, Youngstown will be awarded \$744,000 and Summit County will receive \$2,698,800.